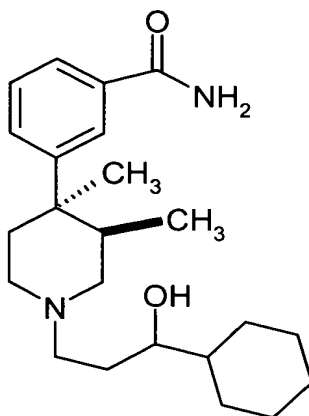


Amendments to the Claims

1. (Original) A compound of the formula I:



(I)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, enantiomer, racemate, diastereomers or mixtures thereof.

2. (Original) The compound of claim 1 which is the (+)-trans isomer.
3. (Original) The compound of claim 1 which is trans(+)-1-[-3S-(3-hydroxy-3-cyclohexylpropyl)]-3(R),4(R)-dimethyl-4-(3-phenylcarboxamido)piperidine.
4. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition having as an active ingredient an effective amount of a compound of formula I.
5. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition containing the compound of formula I in association with a carrier and/or diluent.
6. (Original) A method for blocking a mu, kappa, delta or receptor combination (heterodimer) thereof in mammals comprising administering to a mammal requiring blocking of a mu, kappa, delta or receptor combination (heterodimer) thereof, a receptor blocking dose of a trans-3,4 isomer of a compound of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, enantiomer, racemate, mixture of diastereomers, or solvate thereof.

7. (Original) A method of treating or preventing obesity and Related Diseases comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I to a patient in need thereof.

8. (Original) A method according to Claim 6 wherein the Related Diseases is selected from the group consisting of diabetes, diabetic complications, diabetic retinopathy, atherosclerosis, hyperlipidemia, hypertriglycemia, hyperglycemia, and hyperlipoproteinemia.

9. (Original) Use of a compound of formula I in the treatment of diseases related to obesity including irritable bowel syndrome, nausea, vomiting, depression, smoking and alcohol addiction, sexual dysfunction, substance abuse, drug overdose, addictive behavior disorders, compulsive behaviors, and stroke.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) Use of a compound of formula I for the treatment or prevention of obesity and Related Diseases while minimizing undesirable drug-drug interactions in a patient who is also under medication with other drug(s) comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I to said patient.

12. (Original) Use of a compound of formula I as an appetite suppressant comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I to a patient in need thereof.